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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Gentaro Okayasu, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/492,044  
Filed : January 26, 2000  
For : FREE STORAGE SPACE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Examiner : Joon H. Hwang  
Art Unit : 2162

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	8	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☒ This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a one month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☒ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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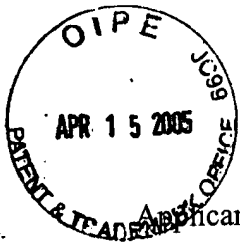
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 22, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the time for response to April 22, 2005 please amend this application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.